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On TRANSMIGRATION.

Igneus eſt ollis vigor, & cæleſtis origo
Seminibus, quantum non noxia corpora tardant
Terrenique hebetant artus, moribundaque membra.
VIRG. ÆN. 6.

THE paſſage in the ſpeech of Anchiſes to his ſon in the Elyſian ſhades, which I have taken for my motto, puts me in mind of ſome tales which I remember reading when I was a boy, wherein the human ſoul is repreſented immediately after the death of one body animating another, and paſſing through a variety of forms, ſtill retaining its reaſon, and the remembrance of its former ſtate. As I am of a ſpeculative turn, I have been led to conſider the metempſychoſis, or doctrine of tranſmigration, with greater attention than many will probably think it deſerves, in an age when Chriſtian revelation has taught us to reject thoſe imaginary ſyſtems which employed the uninformed conjectures of the Pagan ſages; yet as it is ſomewhat agreeable, not to ſay improving, to ſearch how far this romantick opinion is conſonant to reaſon and probability, I hope a few ſtrictures on the ſubject will not be diſagreeable to my readers.

Man is defined by Molinæus to be a mixed being, compounded of ſpiritual and animal particles; the former he poſſeſſes in common with angels, the latter with brutes. As Seneca ſays, "the body is the clog and burthen of the ſoul, which is oppreſſed and enſlaved by it, unleſs aſſiſted by philoſophy." According as our corporeal or mental faculties predominate, we may be ſaid to riſe or fall in this ſcale of exiſtence. As therefore a man either obeys the more ſedate dictates of right reaſon, or gives up the reins to the impetuoſity of his paſſions and appetites, he may be ſaid to be exalted towards the angelick or degraded towards the beſtial nature. In ſome, the better part has ſo great a ſuperiority as to diſcover few of the frailties incident to humanity; in others, the ſoul is ſo immerſed in corporeal groſſneſs and ſenſuality that the very traces of rational exiſtence are nearly obliterated.

A ſuperficial reader of the Metamorphoſes of Ovid will be apt to look upon them as no more than improbable fictions, culculated for the amuſement of ſchoolboys, and imagine them fit to be ranked in the ſame claſs of abſurdities with our modern fairy tales, or thoſe records of fabulous chivalry which prevailed in the faſhionable literature of the former century; yet if we do not merely confine ourſelves to the literal interpretation, but carefully ſearch for truth below the ſurface of things, we muſt find that Ovid has couched excellent morality under the veil of allegory. Let us ſtrip that off, and explore the hidden treaſure.

In this light, they who abandon themſelves to cruelty and perfidiouſneſs may be ſaid to be transformed into wolves, like Lycaon. The following part of the deſcription is at leaſt very applicable to a man of that diſpoſition:

"About his lips the gathered foam he churns,
"And breathing ſlaughters ſtill with rage he burns."

It would be much better for mankind if we could add with the poet,

"But on the bleeting flock his fury turns."

A company of old maids, who are perpetually diſturbing the peace of their neighbourhood with ſcandal and immoderate loquacity, may, by this ideal tribunal, reaſonably be ſentenced, like the Pireides, to be transformed into magpies; ſhe whoſe obdurate heart rejects the addreſſes of a lover, like Aglauros, into a ſtone; and he whoſe exceſſive avarice will not ſuffer him to taſte the enjoyments of life may be ſaid, like Midas, to turn his food into gold: For if the body only is erect, while the mind is grovelling in the duſt, wherein can a man be ſaid to differ from thoſe true animals to whom his manners bear ſo near a reſemblance?

Will a man of ſenſe ſtand in amazement at the power of the enchantreſs when he reads in Homer's Odyſſey the ſtory of the companions of Ulyſſes being turned into ſwine, by accepting the banquet of Circe? Will not rather this maxim of Horace excite his attention? *Quid rides? mutato nomine, de te fabula narratur.* I believe we ſhall not find the gluttonous epicure endued with qualifications much ſuperiour to thoſe animals. I leave my readers to determine whether the courſe of the Phæacians exhibits a picture much leſs contemptible.

Thus, according to the Pythagorean doctrine of tranſmigration, we may ſuppoſe the inhuman tyrant transformed into a lion or tiger, and ſtill exerciſing the ſame cruelty over his ſubjects in the brute creation; the crafty ſtateſman into a fox, the ſurly critick into a cur, ſtill ſhowing his teeth and ſnarling at paſſengers, and biting the helpleſs and unarmed; and the miſer into a beaſt of burthen, who is loaded with wealth and incapable of enjoying it.

All may, according to this ſyſtem, under forms ſuitable to their former tempers, be rewarded or puniſhed for their behaviour in their firſt ſtation. What a ſhock muſt it be to the inſignificant fop to think that in the next ſtage of his exiſtence he may be degraded into a monkey? To the fine Lady, who is now elated with the triumphs of her youth and beauty, and who ſhines with diſtinguiſhed ſplendour at an aſſembly, to be conſcious to herſelf that ſhe muſt hereafter diſplay the gaudy colours of a butterfly? If any inducement can rouze the ſluggard from his lethargick indolence, it muſt be the apprehenſion of hereafter occupying the body of a drone.

The ſcrivener may conſider with triumph that his diligence and honeſty in his low occupation will probably, in the next ſcene of life, raiſe him to the dignity of a judge. The humble labourer may then expect to be as great as the imperious maſter, in whoſe ſervice he hardly earns his bread.

I can even ſometimes amuſe myſelf with the idea that from yonder colony of induſtrious ants there may, in ſucceeding ages, ariſe a generation of men whoſe virtues may exalt them above the idle magnificence of Princes, or the barbarous atchievements of heroes, born to grace humanity with the patriotiſm, learning, and integrity, of another Geneva.

After having undergone a variety of tranſmigrations, the ſoul was at length ſuppoſed to return back purged from its corporeal droſs, and again to become an inhabitant of its etherial region.

Nothing is more agreeable than the viſionary excurſion of fancy, when we ſee it expatiating in the boundleſs field of a luxuriant imagination; but when theſe flights of licentious fiction are applied to the purpoſes of morality I think nothing is a more amiable taſk than that of uniting amuſement with inſtruction, and pleaſure with morality. It has been juſtly doubted whether virtue has not ſuffered more from the rigid ſeverity of bigots than all the exceſſes of the profligate; the paſſions ought to be properly guided, and governed within due bounds, but not utterly eradicated.

Even the abſurdities of Pythagoras, who extended his principles of mercy to the brute creation, ſeem far more excuſable than any of theſe devotees who, to ſhow their zeal for God and religion, treat their fellow creatures with the moſt unnatural cruelty. The errours of a ſpeculative head are pardonable; thoſe of a corrupted heart taint the ſoul, and render man merely an animal being.

A Letter from Monſ. de VOLTAIRE *to the Chevalier* VANSOMMER *at* London.

SIR,

YOU know, without doubt, that peace is made at Geneva. It is always the reſult of war. After tilting at one another for ſome time, men always return to conditions of peace, in expectation of ſome new rupture. Man is a little ſovereign; he loves peace on account of his own tranquillity, but he has a ſtrong propenſity to war, to diſturb the tranquillity of others.

Europe ought to admire the prudence of the Geneveiſe competitors, and their regard for humanity during the confuſions of war; not one drop of blood has been ſhed by them. We cannot ſay the ſame of Neufchatel; a bloody ſcene has been there. Gaudot, the Attorney General, has fallen by the ſword of aſſaſſins. His corpſe, pierced with wounds, could ſcarce obtain a burial. But peace is not re-eſtabliſhed by the death of that unfortunate magiſtrate. The cantons of Lucerne, Fribourg, and Soleure, have furniſhed a body of men, which guards the town; General Lentulus is encamped at Anet; the Chevalier de Planta, a Major in the ſervice of the King of Pruſſia, is gone to that monarch, and I doubt not but that Prince will ſtrongly reſent the outrage which has been done to him in the perſon of the Attorney General. The repoſe of Neufchatel will not be re-eſtabliſhed without ſtrangling two or three of the ringleaders. The humane citizen groans, at being under a neceſſity to ſerve againſt the murderers; but, by miſchance, ſuch is the condition of humanity that one evil can ſeldom be remedied but by two others, and thoſe again by a great many more. Mankind is propenſe to revenge, and oftentimes the perſecutor himſelf is perſecuted in his turn. One half of the world is inceſſantly at war with the other; there is no ſuch thing as a truce between them. To conciliate their affections it muſt be laid down as a preliminary article that every one ſhould renounce his particular intereſt, but this is an impoſſibility; for then mankind would ceaſe to be men, and become a chimera, which has no reality.

Old Clement is at war with young Ferdinand. Rome and Naples cannot agree, and the Pope makes uſe of his worn out arms againſt a Prince who has bayonets and muſkets. France, Spain, and Portugal, join their arms with the latter, and prove, by an argument *ad hominem*, that Clement dotes, and that he ought to ſubmit, ſo as to recall his bull, which is the ſhame of the Vatican; but the ſovereign Pontiff regards it as a point of conſcience, and intends, by his obſtinacy, to join the crown of martyrdom to the tiara of the Pontiff, as if God loved the Jeſuits well enough to grant the palm to their Grand Admiral!

If from the fields of Rome we turn our eyes towards the north, we ſhall ſee Poland a prey to domeſtick diſſentions, one part of the nation in arms againſt the other; the patriot, under the title of confederate, deſtroying the patriot, and all this for the glory of God and the honour of religion, as if that holy religion had not aboliſhed both ſacrificers and victims. But what ought equally to engage the rights of humanity is that a foreign power enters in arms and forces a nation which is free, and governed by its own laws, to receive thoſe which it impoſes with bayonets fixed. What would the Engliſh ſay if the King of France ſhould come at the head of a hundred thouſand men to impoſe laws upon England? Would he meet with a favourable reception from that nation, ſo jealous of its rights and liberties? Would they not ſay to him, after throwing a few barrels of powder in his face, "Sir, why do you meddle with us? Have you any thing to do here? Get back again into your own kingdom; you are no legiſlator in ours. Show your deſpotiſm at home, and leave us to enjoy our liberties." But the Poles are weak, and Catherine has *ſtrong reaſons* to produce on her ſide; witneſs the Biſhop of Cracow, who was confined at Schluſſelbourg, in the ſame apartment as the Czar Peter III. finiſhed his career in.

VOLTAIRE.

Short account of the Biſhop of Lucon *and Madame de* Rouvraie, *two of the moſt celebrated inſtances of Platonick love in* France, *or perhaps any other country.*

THE biſhoprick of Lucon is near Rochefort, and one of thoſe which, being diſtant from the metropolis, may be called a rich one; as, in proportion to the revenue, all proviſions are ſo amazingly cheap. I take the liberty to mention this as my reaſon why his Lordſhip was able to do ſuch munificent acts in his lifetime, almoſt ſuperiour to royalty.

From his taking the gown he had a ſincere affection for Madame de Rouvraie, who was of a very noble family, but one among the almoſt innumerable inſtances in France of high blood without the proper means to ſupport it.

The Abbé, though with no income at firſt but what his genius and abilities, joined to uncommon induſtry, could produce, ever ſupported her as a Gentlewoman. He taught muſick, to ſing, to paint in crayons, and water colours, beſides giving lectures in different ſciences, and all to repleniſh the purſe of Madame de Rouvraie.

He now got advanced in the church, and ſhe of courſe advanced with him; but he took care to board her always in ſuch pious and regular families that envy itſelf (and that quickeſt of all, the envy of her own ſex) never could fix a ſtain on his or her character.

By the various great offers in marriage which ſhe often refuſed it is viſible ſhe preferred the Abbé and his celeſtial qualities to all earthly ones, and ſhe would give it for a reaſon why ſhe did not engage in that ſtate that their was but one didoyard in the world, and he was married to Chriſt. "Find me a ſecond not ſo engaged "(ſaid ſhe) and I will enter into matrimony with him immediate ately."

His merits now being promulgated he was made a chanoine of the cathedral church of Anjers, capital of the province of Anjou, and from thence Dean of Nantz, from whence he was removed to the biſhoprick of Lucon. Grown now independent, and having early declared that he was an enemy to tranſlations, he ſet himſelf down quietly on this proviſion; and Madame de Rouvraie now appeared with that rank and luſtre her merits ſo well deſerved.

He built an elegant ſeat for her within a league of his palace, and fixed it in the middle of a ſpacious park. No gardens were more elegant than thoſe of Mont Carmel (for that was the name of the ſeat) and her grottoes, her caſcades, her fountains, were the topick of every converſation.

His viſits were always in open day, attended by chaplains and other ſafe evidence, nor would he ever be alone with her, though in broad ſunſhine, by which means he quenched every ſpark of malice the moment it was ſtruck with a view to light up the flame of perſecution.

But their chief pleaſure conſiſted in mutual letters, many of which are now publick, and more are intended. Three or four times a day were meſſengers ſeen paſſing and repaſſing; and, as we hope to ſee the collection complete, the reader muſt ſuſpend his opinion of theſe amiable perſonages until the whole appears.

How beautifully does Pope picture the pleaſure of ſuch an intercourſe as letters afford, in the following lines!

Heaven firſt taught letters for ſome wretch's aid,
Some baniſh'd lover, or ſome captive maid;
They live, they ſpeak, they breathe, what love inſpires,
Warm from the ſoul, and faithful to its fires;
The virgin's wiſh, without her fears, impart;
Excuſe the bluſh, and pour out all the heart;
Speed the ſoft intercourſe from ſoul to ſoul,
And waft a ſigh from Indus to the pole.

Though theſe lovers were not ſeparated like Eloiſa and Abelard, yet may ſome part of their diſtreſſes be imagined the ſame. He could not marry; ſhe would not, in ſpite of all his ſolicitations; having often declared to her in the tendereſt hours that he could equally love and provide for her children as if they were his own, ſaying that was the end ſhe was ordained for, and hoped, when he was jocular, ſhe would not depart without her errand.

A few months before our unfortunate expedition to Rochefort the Biſhop died, and many of our officers were witneſſes of the univerſal grief which ſpread all over that country, for the loſs of the moſt pious Chriſtian, ſincere friend, good paſtor, and fine Gentleman, that ever France, or any other country, has produced.

In his cabinet was found this letter, which is offered as a ſample of their uncommonly affectionate ones; the whole of which we hope will ſoon appear on this ſide the channel, as they are already made publick at Paris, and are at preſent the ſole delight, if not employ, of every tender perſon there, whether of the one ſex or the other.

To Madame de Rouvraie.
Not to be opened until after my death.

"I beg, Madame de Rouvraie! that, in regard of the tender friendſhip which has ſo many years inviolably ſubſiſted between us, even in the hour of my death, that you will grant me my laſt deſires.

"You will find ---- actions in this cabinet; and, be they more or leſs, when I die, the uſe I deſign them for is (my debts firſt paid) that you, Madame de Rouvraie, will accept of all the poor remainder, as a proof, though a ſmall one, of the laſt affection of my heart.

"At the ſame time I requeſt you not to grieve over much at the loſs of the ſincereſt friend that ever had being, and yet not worthy of a friend like you.

"No one knows of this bequeſt, and I beg it may ever remain concealed. Yours (in the very hour of death) as he was through life,
The Biſhop of LUCON."

As he had built her ſuch an elegant retreat in the neighbourhood, he ſhowed his tender reſpect for her by deſiring to be buried at a convent ſome hundred miles from Lucon, where he originally had been a member; left, being depoſited under the eyes of Madame de Rouvraie, it might awake thoſe feelings which, by his laſt letter, he ſeems to wiſh he would feel no longer.

Yet ſuch is the nature of grief that there is an avarice in hoarding it, for in one of her private apartments ſhe has the effigy of her dear departed Lord in wax, dreſſed as he was wont to be in life; and, being like the layman at a painter's, the arms and legs are made to move, ſo that ſhe can fix it in any attitude, which ſhe daily does, and retires from company at fixed hours, ſtill to live with the Biſhop of Lucon, though dead to all the world but his affectionate Madame de Rouvraie.

LONDON, *Auguſt* 13.

A MAIDEN Lady, who lately died in Ireland, left two guineas each to four maidens aged 25, to be her pall bearers, each of whom was to SWEAR ſhe was a MAID before receiving the money; but ſuch is the deteſtation in which perjury is held in Ireland, that the old Lady was buried without a pall bearer!

There is now living in Lady Dacre's almſhouſe, Weſtminſter, one Mrs. Windimore, whoſe maiden name was Hyde. She was grandaughter to Dr. Hyde, Biſhop of Saliſbury, brother to the great Lord Chancellor Hyde, and Earl of Clarendon; and loſt her fortune in the South Sea year, 1720. She retains her ſenſes in a tolerable degree, and her principal complaint is that ſhe has outlived all her friends, being now upwards of 100 years of age. She is a diſtant couſin of their late Majeſties Queen Mary and Queen Anne, whoſe mother was Lady Anne Hyde, Dutcheſs of York, whoſe Royal conſort was afterwards King James II. A lively inſtance of the mutability of all worldly things! that a perſon related to two crowned heads ſhould, by the ſtrange caprice of fortune, be reduced to live in an almſhouſe.

His Daniſh Majeſty, agreeable to his own deſire, is entertained in his proper character of King of Denmark at St. James's, and every where elſe as Prince of Travendahl.

EDINBURGH, *Auguſt* 5. We are informed that the muirfowl are very plenty this ſeaſon; two Gentlemen, who were ſhooting laſt week in the Highlands, killed in one day 96 fowls.

On Monday laſt, being the fair called Margaret's day in Dalry, John Gibſon, carrier in Beith, and his wife, in returning home, were drowned in the water of Garnock. Their bodies were found next day about two miles below the place, and carried to Beith.

Extract of a letter from Beith, *Auguſt* 1.

"On Friday laſt two ſons of James Craig of Beadland, in the pariſh of Dalry, having gone a ſmall diſtance from home, to divert themſelves at a bonefire, which is the cuſtom there before fairs, in returning, about ten o'clock at night, found a rivulet near their own houſe greatly ſwelled by the heavy rains that had fallen that day. The eldeſt got over on the ſteps, but the younger was afraid to venture, on which the eldeſt went home and brought his father's ſervant to aſſiſt him in getting over his brother; but it very unfortunately happened that a ſtep whereon they all three ſtood was overturned by the force of the water, and all periſhed. They were found next morning, about ſix o'clock, carried a long way down the ſtream, very much bruiſed, and daſhed againſt the ſtones. The ages of the young men were 16, 20, and 25 years."

DOUGLAS, [*Iſle of Man*] *July* 31. We have had violent thunder here, attended with continual lightning and exceſſive rains, ſuch as have not happened in the memory of the oldeſt man living. Thurſday night the lightning ſhattered a clergyman's houſe near this place to pieces, and ſtruck his wife dead in her bed. At a place not far diſtant a cow was killed by the lightning, and ſeveral trees ſplit into pieces, and carried ſeveral yards diſtance. It is impoſſible to expreſs the terrour and amazement this ſudden ſtorm has put us into, as we can ſafely boaſt of as pure an air, and as little ſubject to ſuch accidents, as any place under the ſun.

WILLIAMSBURG, *October* 20.

Meſſ. PURDIE & DIXON,

GENTLEMEN,

THERE is no certainty, in any place liable to the ſmallpox, who ſhall be firſt taken with it. If any of my family ſhould have it firſt, ſome people might be malicious enough to aſſert I gave it to them on purpoſe to ſpread it for mercenary views. To prevent any thing of this ſort, it has been a conſtant practice with me to inoculate my prentice and ſervants whenever a convenient opportunity offered. This I have done in ſeveral places, not only without cenſure, but with approbation, until the laſt time. Partly on that account, but chiefly to ſecure the life of my late prentice, Mr. Robert Bell, I inoculated him in my own houſe, and when it was certain the infection had taken effect ſent him to the Peſthouſe then infected, there to remain until he ſhould be clean and have leave from me to return. This I told in town the very next morning after he was ſent up.*

When I ſubſcribed to the Peſthouſe ſcheme I read the preamble, and took notice it was to be under the direction of the Mayor and Aldermen, but ſaw nothing pointing out any mode of application; in this therefore I might err, for want of proper guidance.

In June 1767 a white man, a traveller, had walked the ſtreets in Norfolk with an eruption on his ſhip for ſeveral days; neither he nor his wife knew that it was the ſmallpox. He bathed himſelf in the river, and his wife applied domeſtick remedies to drive away the bumps and cure the ſoreneſs on his ſhin. Dr. Ramſay went to ſee him, and afterwards called me to go with him, and give my opinion whether it was the ſmallpox. Although the uſual appearance of the puſtules was very much altered by the applications, I could not convince myſelf that it was not the ſmallpox, therefore gave it as my opinion that it would be right, for the ſafety of the inhabitants, not to delay, but to ſend him immediately to a retired place. Next day I heard he was ſtill in town, and went to ſee him; then I was convinced it was the ſmallpox. Dr. Taylor, Dr. Ramſay's partner, ſaid he was convinced of it too. The man was then ſent to the Peſthouſe. In converſation with Dr. Taylor, who was Mayor at that time, I told him my prentice Bell begged earneſtly to be inoculated, that he might be ſafe, and be permitted to viſit my patients in the ſmallpox for his improvement, circumſtances of the higheſt importance to him. As the white man at the Peſthouſe would be company for Bell, there was now a proper opportunity to inoculate him and ſend him to that houſe. I therefore aſked Dr. Taylor if ſuch a thing might be done; he ſaid I believe ſuch a thing may be done. I imagined there was nothing further neceſſary, in ſuch a caſe as this, than letting the Mayor know my deſign in familiar converſation. If the Captain of a veſſel indeed had applied to to me about his crew, or a cargo of ſlaves, in the ſmallpox, I ſhould have applied in a more general and ceremonious manner. I paid Dr. Taylor the compliment of attending his prentice at the ſame time, if it was agreeable to them. To this there was no reply made. Mr. Hanſford, one of the Aldermen, knew nothing of my converſation with the Mayor when, as it is ſaid, he "cenſured me ſeverely." Captain George Abyvon, who in a few days ſucceeded Dr. Taylor as Mayor, gave Mr. Hanſford a letter to deliver to a [illegible] Gentleman of the law at Williamſburg, when he went there on another occaſion, and received an anſwer by him on his return. I have neither ſeen nor heard the contents of either, and am at a loſs to know how I could "treſpaſs" when [illegible] was intended, nor happened by my means to any body's perſon, houſe, land, or goods. My conſcience acquits me to myſelf in the firſt caſe, and time elaſped proves the other. If it was owing to Mr. Paul Loyall that an action which would not lie, or a merely litigious ſuit, was prevented, I thank him for the kindneſs of his intention then. The laudable action of doing ſuch a kind office to my boy is a leſs "imprudent ſtep" than the friends to the borough of Norfolk are aware of. His great eagerneſs to have the ſmallpox induced him in London, and more particularly in Glaſgow, to go into infected houſes; it is now evident he was ſuſceptible of infection, and would have taken it unprepared ſome time or other.

The ſuppoſition that I intended "to introduce inoculation then" cannot be admitted as juſt; no body, excepting my prentice Bell, applied to me for that purpoſe laſt year.

While I am ſound in mind an honeſt intention will prevent me from any "union" to reap pounds where my proper harveſt is ſhillings;" that would be treſpaſſing indeed, and enormouſly too, on my neighbour's property, to reap nineteen harveſts more than my own!

"The Doctor's price in the "digreſſion" may be ſet forth as a bugbear, but nobody, not even a poor inhabitant of Norfolk, or Tanner's creek neck, need be frightened at it; his leaky canoe, his tattered blanket, and little box of Indian meal, ſhall never be ſold by any vendue maſter on my account.

Some years ago Dr. Archibald Campbell of Norfolk, from a laudable ambition to improve his fortune for the benefit of his growing family, entered into trade. About four years ago he intended to drop the practice of phyſick, and make a tour through Britain to enlarge his correſpondence. At *my deſire* he entered into partnerſhip with me, until he ſhould be ready to embark (ſuppoſing it to be twelve or eighteen months) circumſtances occurred which made him delay his voyage. However, at *his deſire*, our partnerſhip terminated in March 1766. Since that time he has not been concerned in any branch of my buſineſs, directly or indirectly; nor inoculation in any other manner than the other Gentlemen concerned, for the ſafety of his family. Hence it is evident the proceeding againſt him and his houſe are founded on a miſtake, or ſomething elſe.

Of ten years proof of ſucceſsful care in preventing the ſmallpox and other contagious diſeaſes from ſpreading, when I have been concerned with them, if the ſame humane diſpoſition, and an improved capacity to continue care on every future occaſion, can obtain the confidence of the people, it will not be withheld from me, nor diminiſhed by any unreaſonable influence whatſoever.

Be patient a little longer: I leave off writing egotiſms, after expreſſing two more; one dictated by benevolence, the other by ceremony.

I am your well-wiſher,

And I am, Gentlemen, your very humble ſervant,

JOHN DALGLEISH.

* *See Poſtſcript, No.* 903.

To the ATHENIANS.

A FEW years ago a young phyſician in the little ſtate of P——ſw——th invented a method of curing quickly a moſt fatal contagious fever, which raged among the ſlaves of two families in G————r. My father Æſculapius bids me tell you it may be for the "ſervice of the community" to call him to determine if the fever ſo fatal at preſent in the worthy D——'s family is the ſame diſeaſe, for he approves of that method of cure, becauſe it was uninterruptedly ſucceſsful; although it may be called very hot, and deviates greatly from the faſhionable cold method of the Perſians, and not a little from the practice of two very eminent phyſicians, very great improvers of the art of healing, Sir John Pringle of London, and Dr. De Haen at Vienna, who are diſputing on the hot and cold regimen in malignant fevers, yet both inclining to the latter. As the ſaid young phyſician is not arrived at that period of life which the little wiſe republick of St. Marino choſe their phyſician at, becauſe he would have acquired knowledge from ſtudy and experience, and have laid aſide imprudence, my ſiſter Hygeia, anxious for his welfare in theſe diſtracted times, prevailed on our brother Podalirius to write to him to be cautious in ſhowing ſuperiour ſkill before negligent ſtudents, "by whom the knotty ſtick has never yet been held," for fear of being preſented in a bill of indictment for improving *medical knowledge*, as another of her votaries was before, when, to the immortal honour of our free ſtate, C——w was called into the Areopagus.

MACHAON.

Arrived in James river, from London, the Iſabella, M'Nabb, and Betſey, Cuzzens; alſo the Cuninghame, Robertſon, and Bowman, Stevenſon, from Glaſgow. In York river, from London, the Experiment, Hamlin. And in Potowmack the Anne, Howie, in ſix weeks and three days from the Downs; Captain Woodford ſailed at the ſame time.

There was lately born at Mr. John Rawlings's plantation, in Suſſex county, a Negro child with two heads and four arms, but only one body and two legs; the faces were oppoſite to each other.

On Saturday and Monday laſt the following criminals were brought to the bar of the General Court to take their trials, viz. William Braxton Breedlove, from Buckingham, for felony, guilty. Moſes Cornelius, from Prince Edward, for felony, acquitted. John Shepard, alias Thomas Stewart, from Culpeper, for felony, guilty. Mathias Chetwood, from Cheſterfield, for felony, acquitted. John Terry, from Norfolk, for felony, diſcharged by the Grand Jury. John Hughes, from Norfolk, for felony, acquitted. John Wilſon, from Norfolk, for felony, guilty. Elliſon Skinner, from Elizabeth City, for felony, guilty. John Langley, and William Vanburkello, from Elizabeth City, for felony, diſcharged by the Grand Jury. Jane Jones, from Richmond, for felony, acquitted.

The GENERAL ASSEMBLY is further prorogued to the laſt Thurſday in January next.

*** No mail from the Northward this week.

Advertiſements.

YORK Town, *October* 19, 1768.

AS I am now determined to leave this town, I purpoſe to ſell at publick vendue, on *Saturday* the 5th of *November* next, before Mr. *Archer*'s door, near the town wharf, one dwelling-houſe and lot, with all convenient outhouſes, adjoining Mr. *David Jameſon*'s; one lot, with a large ſtable on it, near Dr. *Riddell*'s; one warehouſe at the water ſide, and a new ſtorehouſe, completely fitted, near the town wharf; one warehouſe and two lots in *Glouceſter*, near *Sarah*'s creek, very convenient for navigation; one ſloop, burthen about 1800 buſhels, with a nine hhd. flat; one ſloop, burthen about 3500 buſhels, with all her materials, boat, *&c.* now fitting for ſea. The purchaſers to have nine months credit for the above articles, on giving bond with ſufficient ſecurity. Likewiſe will be ſold, on the ſame day, about 15 hhds. of rum, and 15 barrels of ſugar, for ready money. I have alſo about 200l. worth of dry goods upon hand, which I will ſell. The time of payment for them may be agreed on at the day of ſale.

JOHN THOMPSON.

YORK town, *October* 14, 1768.

ALL perſons that have any demands on the eſtate of Dr. *Benjamin Catton*, deceaſed, are deſired to ſend them to the ſubſcriber, properly atteſted. It is expected that all who are indebted by open account to the ſaid eſtate, particularly in the medical way, will make immediate proviſion to pay off their reſpective accounts, or give bond before the firſt of *December* next for the ſame, as the circumſtances of the eſtate will not admit of any indulgence.

GEORGE RIDDELL, Executor.

BUCKINGHAM, *October* 15, 1768.

THE following articles were found on a Negro man belonging to Mr. *William Kennon*, who was committed to the gaol of this county in *Auguſt* laſt for felony, *viz.* 1 pair of ſilver ſhoe buckles, 1 cuteau knife, a ſmall pocketbook with 6s. 3d. and a dollar in it, 2 felt hats, 2 pair of ſhoes, 1 pair of red garters, 1 pair of old broadcloth breeches, 1 bearſkin coat with metal buttons, 1 fuſtian coat almoſt new, not lined, and the button holes bound with the ſame, a coarſe brown broadcloth coat about half worn, and lined with new ſhalloon, about a yard and three quarters of checkt *Virginia* cloth, about 4 yards of white do. 1 pair of pumps, 1 old oſnabrugs ſhirt, 1 new do. 1 pair of fuſtian breeches, 1 blue printed handkerchief, 1 checkt *Virginia* cloth jacket, 1 white dimity do. 1 ſhirt of cotton and thread, 2 pair of thread ſtockings, 1 white dimity jacket with brown holland pockets, a pair of braſs ſhoe buckles, and ſeveral other old things, which are ſuppoſed to be ſtolen; if ſo, the owner or owners may have them again by applying to me, proving their property, and paying the charge of this advertiſement.

‖ THOMAS PATTESON, D. S.

Juſt imported from Liverpool, *in the* True Briton, *Capt.* Atkinſon, *and to be ſold at the ſubſcriber's ſtores in* New Kent *and* James City,

A LARGE and well aſſorted cargo of *European* GOODS, ſuitable for the ſeaſon.——The partnerſhip of *John Lewis* and Co. being now diſſolved, all perſons indebted to the ſame are deſired to make immediate payment to Mr. *William Lewis* in *Williamſburg*, otherwiſe ſuits will be commenced, without further notice,

JOHN LEWIS.

To be SOLD *to the higheſt bidder, on* Wedneſday *the* 16*th of* November *next, at the dwelling-houſe of Mrs.* Mary Catton, *in* York *town*,

ALL the PERSONAL ESTATE of the late Dr. *Benjamin Catton*. Twelve months credit will be allowed for all ſums above 25s. the purchaſers giving bond and ſecurity to GEORGE RIDDELL, Executor.

N. B. There is a good collection of BOOKS, and a complete ſet of SURGEON's INSTRUMENTS.

Juſt imported in the Briſtol, *Capt.* Young, *from* London, *and ſold by the ſubſcriber in* Williamſburg,

A GENTEEL aſſortment of MILLINERY, conſiſting of fine minionet laces, edging, joinings, double-edged and lappet do. blond and black do. purl and Jacob's ladder, real garnet, beſt French wax, wax pearl, India pearl, and jet necklaces, earrings and egrets, Italian and ſilver do. beſt Italian and white breaſt flowers, paſte and artificial pins, ſtomachers and ſleeve knots, a variety of faſhionable caps and ribands, plain, flowered, and ſtriped gauzes, faſhionable trimmings, catgut, black ſilk, and leather gloves and mittens, white, coloured, and black fans, white ſatin ſhoes, white luſtring, plain and ſprigged cloak ſatins, white ſprigged modes, fringe for mourning, black, white, and coloured bugles, great choice of muſlins, white ſilk ſtockings, a variety of tan mounts and toys, and many other things too tedious to mention.

‖ JANE HUNTER.

To be SOLD *for ready money, on* Tueſday *the* 8*th of* November *next, on the premiſes*,

TWELVE hundred acres of LAND, lying in the county of *Buckingham*, on *Willis*'s creek, whereon are improvements ſufficient for an overſeer and Negroes. The land is very good for tobacco or corn, and has cleared ground ſufficient to work 12 hands. There will alſo be ſold at the ſame time and place, for ready money, twenty choice SLAVES, to ſatisfy a judgment obtained by *Lightfoot*'s executors againſt the ſubſcriber in the General Court. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe the above may view the ſame by applying to M.. *Benjamin Fambrough*, who lives on the premiſes, any time before the day of ſale, or the ſubſcriber in *New Kent*.

RICHARD CHAMBERLAYNE.

Prince Edward, October 10, 1768.

I INTEND for GREAT BRITAIN the laſt of *November* next.

‖ THOMAS PRICHARD.

COMMITTED to the publick gaol of *Princeſs Anne* county, by order of court, a yellow complexioned mulatto, who calls himſelf TOM WHEELER, about 5 feet 6 inches high, about 40 years old, has been living in the ſaid county for the ſpace of twelve months and upwards, and never entered himſelf on the liſt of tithables, although he alleged himſelf to be free born, and produced, whenever called to account, a paſs, which is ſuppoſed and adjudged to be a forged one, and he a ſlave. Whoever claims the ſaid mulatto, and proves their property, may have him, on paying charges, of

‖ FREDERICK BOUSH, D. S.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber in *Cheſterfield*, about the end of *Auguſt* laſt, a middle ſized Negro man named WILL, about 30 years old, of a yelloviſh complexion, very much marked on his face, arms, and breaſt, his country faſhion, ſpeaks very broken, and can hardly tell his maſter's name; had on when he went away a new oſnabrugs ſhirt, *Virginia* linen ſhort trouſers, old cotton jacket, and felt hat, with part of the brim burnt off. He has made three attempts, as he ſaid, to get to his country, but was apprehended. All maſters of veſſels are hereby forewarned from carrying the ſaid ſlave out of the colony. Whoever apprehends him, and brings him to me, ſhall have 20s. reward, beſides what the law allows.

JORDAN ANDERSON.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber in *Cheſterfield*, the *Wedneſday* before *Eaſter* laſt, a bright mulatto wench named JUDE, about 30 years old, is very remarkable, has loſt one eye, but which I have forgot, has long black hair, a large ſcar on one of her elbows, and ſeveral other ſcars in her face, and has been ſubject to running away ever ſince ſhe was ten years old. I have great reaſon to think ſhe will paſs for a free woman, and endeavour to make into *South Carolina*. She is very knowing about houſe buſineſs, can ſpin, weave, ſew, and iron, well. She had on when ſhe went away her winter clothing, alſo a blue and white ſtriped *Virginia* cloth gown, a *Virginia* cloth copperas and white ſtriped coat, beſides others too tedious to mention. Whoever conveys the ſaid ſlave to me ſhall be well rewarded for their trouble.

‖ MARY CLAY.

Taken up, in *Cheſterfield*, a yellow gray mare, about 7 or 8 years old, 4 feet 7 inches high, with a ſwitch tail, trots well, and branded on the near ſhoulder T; poſted, and appraiſed to 5l.

‖ ROBERT WOOLDRIDGE.

Taken up, in *Bedford*, a gray mare, about 6 years old, 4 feet 6 inches high, is a trotter, branded on the near ſhoulder WX, on the off ſhoulder W, and on the near buttock +, alſo a crop taken off the near ear; poſted, and appraiſed to 6l.

‖ JOHN PICKEN.

Taken up, in *Prince Edward*, a ſorrel mare, with a large ſtar in her forehead, paces naturally, has three white feet, is hipſhot, had a bell on, and branded on the off buttock H; poſted, and appraiſed to 5l.

‖ JAMES RICE.

WANTED,

A JOURNEYMAN PERUKE MAKER, who underſtands his buſineſs well. Any ſuch, coming well recommended, will meet with encouragement by applying to the ſubſcriber, in *Williamſbourg*.

WALTER LENOX.

Williamſburg, October 13, 1768.

MEDITERRANEAN PASSES may be had at his Honour the Preſident's office.

To be SOLD *by publick vendue, at* Norfolk, *on* Thurſday *the* 17*th of* November *next, being court day, purſuant to the laſt will and teſtament of Colonel* Robert Tucker, *deceaſed, the following* LOTS *and* TRACTS *of* LAND, *viz.*

AN unimproved lot at the eaſt end, and on the north ſide of the main ſtreet, of the borough of *Norfolk*.

A do. do. in *Church* ſtreet, on the main ſtreet, and near the churchyard wall.

A do. do. in the town of *Portſmouth*, No. 31, lying in the interſection of *Crafford* ſtreet and *Glaſgow* ſtreet.

A do. do. near the *Great Bridge*, in the pariſh of *St. Bride's*, and county of *Norfolk*.

A do. do. at the northweſt landing, in the pariſh of *St. Bride's*, and county of *Norfolk*.

A do. do. in *Newtown*, *Princeſs Anne* county.

An unimproved tract of land, containing 75 acres, lying on the ſouthern branch of *Elizabeth River*, in the pariſh of *St. Bride's*, in the county of *Norfolk*.

Alſo on *Wedneſday* the 2d of *November*, at *Williamſburg*, one half of the ſaid *Robert Tucker's* twelfth part of the *Diſmal Swamp* adventure.

And on *Monday* the 14th of *November*, at *Suffolk*, a tract of land, containing 253 acres, lying at the head of the weſtern branch of *Nanſemond* river. The land we are informed is well timbered with pine and oak.

The terms will be made known at the time of ſale.

THOMAS NEWTON, ſen. } Executors.
JOHN TAYLOR, }

N. B. It is hoped that all perſons indebted to the ſaid eſtate will diſcharge their ſeveral balances at the enſuing court, otherwiſe they muſt not expect any kind of indulgence.

AS attorney for Meſſ. *Edward & Thomas Hunt*, of *London*, merchants, I think it my duty to acquaint the publick that a ſuit is now depending in the General Court to ſubject the above mentioned lands to the payment of a very large ſterling debt due from the late Col. *Robert Tucker* to the ſaid Meſſ. *Hunt*, and that I do not conſent to the above ſale.

BEN. WALLER.

To be SOLD *at* Halifax *courthouſe, on* Monday *the* 21*ſt of* November *next (if fair, otherwiſe next fair day) purſuant to the will of* John Apperſon, *deceaſed, for the diſcharge of his debts, &c.*

THREE valuable TRACTS of good TOBACCO LAND, with plantations, houſes, *&c.* in order for cropping, ſituate in the ſaid county of *Halifax*, on *Difficult* creek, near the courthouſe; alſo all the ſaid *Apperſon's* houſehold furniture, plantation utenſils, ſtocks of cattle, horſes, ſheep, and hogs, and a large quantity of corn and fodder. Six months credit will be allowed the purchaſer, on giving bond with approved ſecurity. At the ſame time will be rented for a term of years, and may entered upon at *Chriſtmas* next, the ORDINARY at the ſaid court, together with a large plantation contiguous thereto, whereon ſtands the courthouſe, a large dwelling-houſe well calculated for a houſe of entertainment, with ſundry other houſes, a good garden, orchard, *&c.* Bond and good ſecurity will be required, not only for the payment of the rents annually, but for conſtantly keeping the ordinary well ſupplied with liquors and accommodations proper for an ordinary to be kept at a courthouſe.——All perſons indebted to the ſaid eſtate are deſired to make immediate payment, and thoſe who have any demands againſt it are deſired to make them known, that they may be properly adjuſted by

6 ROBERT WOODING, Executor.

N. B. The above mentioned lands and premiſes may be purchaſed, or the ordinary rented, before the day of ſale, on application to the executor. R. W.

To be SOLD *at publick auction, on* Friday *the* 4*th of* November *next*,

THE LOTS and HOUSES of the late Mr. *William Waters*, deceaſed, in the city of *Williamſburg*, on the main ſtreet, and oppoſite Dr. *Carter's* large brick houſe. Credit will be allowed the purchaſer until *April* next, on giving bond and ſecurity to

JOHN TAZEWELL, Executor.

☞ Mrs. *Waters* is entitled to dower in the above.

To be SOLD,

A LOT pleaſantly ſituated in this town, whereon is a dwelling-houſe, 52 feet long and 24 feet wide, with three rooms below and ſix above, a fine dry cellar with two brick partitions, a good ſtore-houſe, kitchen, ſtable, dairy, ſmokehouſe, *&c.* all entirely new, and finiſhed in the beſt manner. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe may know the terms by applying to Mr. *John H. Norton*, of the ſubſcriber.

YORK, *October* 6, 1768. EDWARD CARY.

To be SOLD, *on* Saturday *the* 5*th of* November *next, before Mr.* Hay's *door in* Williamſburg, *for ready money*,

FOUR hundred ACRES of extraordinary good TOBACCO LAND, in *Halifax* county, late the property of *John Apperſon*, jun. deceaſed. It is equal in quality to any high land in that county, is within three miles of the courthouſe, hath a plantation with ſundry buildings thereon, and is convenient to a good road to market. The ſaid land was conveyed to the ſubſcriber by deed of truſt from the ſaid *Apperſon*.

4 JOHN FISHER.

SOLD, *for ready money, at* John Greenhow's *ſtore*, Williamſburg,

DRUGS at an unuſual low price, moſt ſorts of woollens, Negro cottons, camletees, ſtuffs, *&c.* linens of all prices and ſorts, long and clear lawns, cambricks, muſlins, India and figured dimity, white and printed calicoes, *&c.* oſnabrugs, rolls, tablecloths, diapers, ſheeting, Ruſſia drab, bed linen, bed ticks, bed ſcrews, blankets, perſians, India damaſks, Barcelona handkerchiefs, *&c.* tea kettles, coffee and chocolate pots with brazed ſpouts, coffee and chocolate mills, bohea, green, congo, and hyſon teas, marking and all other ſorts of threads, worſteds, and ſilks, ſpinet wire, pumice ſtone, rotten ſtone, oil ſtones, powder of do. powder of putty, borax, ſpelter, *&c.* fiddles, Roman ſtrings, long fiddle ſticks, bugle horns tipt and plain, bugles of various colours, ſpectacles, preſervers, and viſuals of all ſorts, toys of moſt ſorts, tin pans, cantons, kettles, *&c.* cloſeſtool and bed pans, hard metal and common pewter of moſt ſorts, warming pans, bellows, tongs, hand irons, grates, duſt ſhovels, *&c.* beſt ſteel plate whip ſaws, croſſcut and hand ſaws, files of almoſt every kind, blackſmiths tools, carpenters tools and moulding planes of every uſeful kind, German, bliſter, and London ſteel, ſeine twine and corks, velvet and common bottle corks, caſe half gallon bottles, logwood, redwood, copperas, verdigriſe, alum, hackles for flax and hemp, tow cards, cotton, wool and ſtock cards, ſtone diſhes, plates, turennes, *&c.* china bowls, tea cups, coffee and chocolate cups, cuſtard cups, tart moulds, *&c.* glaſs and earthen ware of all ſorts, myrtlewax, candleſticks, lamps, oils, paints, window glaſs, hinges, nails, and almoſt every material for building, chapes and tongs for ſilver ſhoe and knee buckles of moſt ſizes, materials for ſaddlers, harneſs makers, ſilverſmiths, and watchmakers, of almoſt all ſorts, moſt kind of tools for plantation uſe, books and ſtationary ware, crucibles and blue pots, box combs and bruſhes, table knives, muſtard ſpoons, cutlery, ſhoemakers tools, ſilver thimbles, tailors ſhears and neat ſciſſors, gun ſcrews, oil flints, watch cryſtals and main ſprings, ſago, ſalep, barley, rice, grots, ſplit peas, plums, currants, almonds, anchovies, olives, capers, ſweetmeats, candies, barley ſugar, nutmegs, cloves, mace, cinnamon, pepper, ſpice, ginger, *&c.* wine by the pipe, caſk, gallon, or quart, vinegar, moloſſes, old ſpirits, white and brown ſugar, tar, ſalt, currying knives, coopers tools, garden rakes, long brooms, clamps, bruſhes, hair pencils, Indian ink, iron pots, ſkillets, ſalamanders, Dutch ovens, baking hoes of all ſizes, whalebone and other ſtay goods, deſk furniture, caſtors, and almoſt every article for the cabinet makers buſineſs, locks ſimple and curious of all ſorts, braſs knob and common door latches and bolts, biſcuit pans and tin ſheets, dog collars, ſmoothing irons, houſe, table, and cow bells, ſteel ſpurs, cock gaffs, Whitechapel and ſquare pointed needles, pound pins, ſithes and ſickles, chair laces and backbands, beaver and vermin traps, ſquare chaffing-diſhes, iron dripping pans, irons ſpoons and ladies, ſheet iron, iron backs and dogs, cart, tumbrel, and chair boxes, ſhoe heels and laſts, Negro ſhoes, ſurveyors inſtruments, livery lace, and almoſt every other uſeful article that can be thought of.

To be SOLD,

A TRACT of LAND in *York* county, containing two hundred acres, within four miles of *Williamſburg*. For terms inquire of

JAMES M'CARTY.

To be SOLD *on very reaſonable terms, and may be entered upon immediately,*

TWO hundred and thirty acres of well timbered and watered land, lying in *Northampton* county, *North Carolina*, about three miles from *Halifax* town, part of which is good low grounds, and the reſt good tobacco and corn land. There is a plantation, on which is a dwelling-houſe and other convenient outhouſes. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe may be ſhown the ſame by applying to Mr. *William Martin* at *Halifax* town, and may know the terms of the ſubſcriber at the ſaid town, who will diſpoſe of the ſame.

2 MARY TROUGHTON.

STRAYED or STOLEN out of Mr. *Todd's* paſture, at the *Rocky Ridge*, on the 6th night of laſt *June*, a large dark bay horſe, about 12 years old, with a roached mane with ſome white hairs in it near his withers, a bob tail, but not lately bobbed, ſome ſaddle ſpots, gallops, trots and paces, ſtack of courage, and branded on the near buttock IO. Whoever conveys the ſaid horſe to Captain *Benjamin Mosby*, at *Cumberland* courthouſe, ſhall have 30 s. reward.

2 JOSEPH CARRINGTON.

To be SOLD *to the higheſt bidder, at publick ſale, before Mr.* Hay's *door, on* Thurſday *the* 3*d of* November *next, at* 4 *o'clock in the afternoon*,

A TRACT of LAND lying in *James City* county, within 4 miles of *Williamſburg*, containing 43 acres, more or leſs, with 2 Negro quarters, 2 barns, cornhouſe, and other houſes thereon. Alſo a very fine orchard of apples, peaches, cherries, plums, *&c.* belonging to the eſtate of the late Mr. *William Prentis*, and ſold, purſuant to his will, for the benefit of all his children. Credit will be allowed until the 25th of *October* 1769, on giving bond and approved ſecurity to

The EXECUTORS.

The land to be entered on at *Chriſtmas*, or as ſoon as the preſent crop is finiſhed.

TAKEN up by the ſubſcriber, living in the lower end of *York* county, a BOAT, 11 feet keel, 4 feet 3 inches beam, with two timbers at each end of her fore thwart, part of her other timbers are mulberry; poſted, and appraiſed to 25 s.

MERRITT MOORE.

TAKEN up, in *James City*, a bay mare, about 4 feet high, neither dockt nor branded; poſted, and appraiſed to 40 s.

NATHANIEL BINGLEY.

PETERSBURG, *Sept.* 26, 1768.

THE ſubſcriber has juſt now imported an aſſortment of GOODS fit for the ſeaſon, which he intends to retail for caſh or tobacco, at a very low advance. Thoſe who chooſe to purchaſe on theſe terms will pleaſe to apply to him at his ſtore, or to Mr. *William Beattie*, merchant here, for any information they may want.

ALEXANDER SHAW.

N. B. Wholeſale dealers may likewiſe be ſupplied, on reaſonable terms. A. S.

WE have now lying in our warehouſe at *Norfolk*, which arrived in the *John and Mary*, Captain *James M'Kinnie*, five bales and two boxes, of the following marks and numbers, *viz.* RF, No. 2, IW in a piece, with the figure 4 and a ſtroke under it above the letters No. 1 and 2, IW, with a crow's foot between the letters, No. 5, and SE in two triangles, No. 24, bales; IW and IW, with crows feet between the letters, boxes without numbers. We do not know to whom the above goods belong. Any perſon by making application to *John Greenwood* at *Norfolk*, or the Captain on board lying there, on producing a bill of lading (or if ſent from *John Elam*, a letter from him) will receive ſuch as belongs to him.

Tf STORRS & ELLIS.

To be SOLD, *on the* 3*d* Thurſday *in* October *next, the following lots, the property of Meſſ.* George Pagan *and Co. merchants in* Glaſgow, *viz.*

ONE on the main ſtreet in *Peterſburg*, adjoining the houſes occupied by Meſſ. *Fields* and *Call*, whereon is a lumber houſe in tolerable repair, and a commodious ſtable almoſt new. Another in the new town, fronting Mr. *Holcett Pride's*, and is unimproved. At the ſame time will be ſold two horſes, two feather beds, and a few other articles of houſehold furniture. The terms of payment will be made eaſy to the purchaſers. I muſt at the ſame time inform thoſe indebted to the above named Gentlemen that unleſs they make proviſion for the payment of their reſpective balances by the 1ſt of *December* next their bonds and accounts will be put into the hands of attornies, with orders to commence ſuits immediately.

EDWARD BRISBANE.

PETERSBURG, *Sept.* 27, 1768.

ALL perſons indebted for Negroes bought at the ſale of Capt. *Richard Todd's* eſtate in *October* 1766, as well as for Negroes bought of Capt. *Mordecai Throckmorton's* eſtate, and became payable in *April* laſt, and alſo of *William Ravens's* eſtate, are hereby requeſted to make payment this enſuing General Court, or they may depend upon having their bonds put in ſuit immediately, by

ROBINSON DAINGERFIELD.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Sept.* 29, 1768.

ONCE more, and for the LAST TIME, I take this method of calling upon all thoſe who are indebted to the publick Treaſury, either for arrears of taxes, tobacco depoſitums, or upon any other account whatever, for their ſeveral balances. If they are not paid very ſpeedily, the duty of my office, ſtrongly enforced by an expreſs order of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, will oblige me rigorouſly to purſue the meaſures preſcribed by law, without reſpect to perſons.

I hope the inſpectors will be more punctual than uſual in ſettling their accounts by the time appointed, otherwiſe it will not be in my power to comply with the purpoſes of the funds ariſing from the inſpection of tobacco.

The ſeveral officers indebted for recruiting money are likewiſe deſired to ſettle their accounts immediately, or their bonds will be put in ſuit.

As it is impoſſible for me to ſupport the credit of the Treaſury in the manner I could wiſh, and ought to do, unleſs the ſeveral duties appropriated to the diſcharge of the publick debts are more punctually paid and accounted for than they have been for ſome time paſt, I muſt alſo recommend it in order to the ſerious attention of all concerned as thoſe breaches of the revenue, either as importers or collectors.

6 RO. C. NICHOLAS, Treaſurer.

Chriſtopher Ayſcough

BEGS leave to acquaint the publick that he has opened TAVERN fronting the ſouth ſide of the *Capitol*, WILLIAMSBURG. As he is provided with the beſt LIQUORS, and Mrs. *Ayſcough* very well underſtands the COOKERY part, he flatters himſelf that thoſe Gentlemen who may pleaſe to favour him with their cuſtom will find every thing to their ſatisfaction, he being determined to do all in his power to oblige.

☞ The greateſt care will be taken of Gentlemens SERVANTS and HORSES.

KING & QUEEN, *October* 1, 1768.

MY wife *Jeany Anderſon* having eloped from me, I hereby forewarn all perſons from truſting her on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contracting from this date. HANDSFORD ANDERSON.

STRAYED or STOLEN from *King William* court-houſe, about ſix weeks ago, a bay horſe, about 14 hands high, with a black mane and tail, paces, trots, and gallops, draws very well in a chair, branded on the near ſhoulder I, and on the near butock W. Whoever brings the ſaid horſe to Mr. *Holt Richeſon*, or ſecures him ſo that I may get him again, ſhall have 20 s. reward.

Tf ALEXANDER GLASS STRACHAN.

YORK county, *October* 1, 1768.

TAKEN ſome time ago from a Negro a GUN, about 4 feet long in the barrel, with a ſilver ſight, a very fine lock, and very neatly mounted with a ſort of pinchbeck, moſtly new. The owner may have her on proving his property, and paying charges, of

JOHN WADE.

Taken up, in *Amelia*, three white hogs, *viz.* one barrow and ſow, marked with a crop and hole in the right ear, and a crop and ſlit in the left; a ſow, marked with a crop and hole in the right ear, and a ſmooth crop in the left, with nine young pigs unmarked. Poſted, and appraiſed to 35 s.

JAMES TRABUE.

Taken up, in *Iſle of Wight*, a light bay horſe, about 4 feet 5 inches high, with a dark mane and tail, all his feet white, blaze faced, and branded on the near ſhoulder GH; poſted, and appraiſed to 5 l.

JOHN CLARK.

Taken up, in *Henrico*, a black mare, about 4 feet 5 inches high, with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, and branded on the near ſhoulder reſembling I.

CHARLES LEWIS.

POETS CORNER.

In answer to an ode in the Virginia *Gazette of the 25th of* Auguſt 1768.

WHEN we induſtriouſly have rais'd
Ourſelves to affluence, then we may
Merit reward that's ſeldom prais'd,
And deal our bounties day by day.

And better is it far to roam,
And brave the danger of the ſeas,
To bring renown and riches home,
Than, ſtarving, hope for health and eaſe.

And what! though age may chance to fret,
And change the poliſh of the brow,
E'er we of harveſt taſte the ſweet,
'Tis well we taſte before we go.

Which never can the ſluggard do,
Whoſe plaint is always care and toil,
Who ſnores the ſummer ſeaſon through,
And doth himſelf of bread beguile.

Or doth, when winter's piercing wind
Shall cruſt the face of mother earth
(To nought induſtriouſly inclin'd)
Doze in the aſhes o'er his hearth.

Short is indeed our little time,
Nor ſhould we (to contract the ſpan)
To indolence give up our prime,
And make a dormouſe of a man.

On the 3*d* Thurſday *in* November, *at* Culpeper *court-houſe, being court day, will be expoſed to ſale,*

THREE thouſand acres of LAND, lying at the foot of the *Double Top* mountain, in *Culpeper* county, altogether or in parcels, as will beſt ſuit purchaſers. This land is in good order, has four plantations on it fitted with every neceſſary houſe, and other conveniences for cropping. An indiſputable title will be made the purchaſer, on giving bond with approved ſecurity to Meſſ. *Capel* and *Oſgood Hanbury*, of *London*, merchants. Mr. *James Balfour*, their attorney, will attend the ſale, and allow twelve months credit for the payment of the money.

5 PHILIP ROOTES.

To be SOLD, *on reaſonable terms,*

A NEW VESSEL now on the ſtocks, of about 176 tuns, well calculated for the tobacco or *Weſt India* trade, built of the beſt ſeaſoned plank and timber, and can be launched in a few weeks. She may be made a ſhip, ſnow, or bilander, as may beſt ſuit the purchaſer. Any perſon inclinable to buy may be ſhown her by applying to Meſſ. *Baſſett* and *Alexander Moſeley* in *Norfolk*, or the ſubſcriber in *Princeſs Anne*.

6 EDWARD HACK MOSELEY.

N. B. There is alſo for ſale, which may be had very reaſonably, a full ſuit of ſails, ſtanding and running rigging, anchors, cables, and blocks, all fitted, ſuitable for a ſhip of the above ſize. E. H M.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Sept.* 18, 1768.

COMMITTED to *James City* priſon, a *Virginia* born Negro fellow named HARRY, adverтiſed in Mr. *Rind*'s Gazette as belonging to *Henry Broadnax* of *Dinwiddie* county, who is deſired to ſend for him, and pay charges to

Tf WILLIAM LANE, Gaoler.

CABIN POINT, *Sept.* 16, 1768.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, the 22d of *Auguſt* laſt, a Negro boy named FREDERICK, about 16 years of age, of a yellowiſh complexion, bow legged, and remarkable large feet, ſtammers much when affrighted, at other times ſpeaks plain and faſt. He had on when he went away a light coloured duroy coat, green everlaſting breeches, a double breaſted green veſt, coarſe blue ribbed hoſe, a pair of turned pumps with buckles, a felt hat, and other clothes I underſtand he had in a bundle, though I expect he will change all his clothes, as he is an artful cunning fellow. He likes to be among horſes, and is fond of riding races. He was at Mr. *Andrew Mackie*'s, in *Iſle of Wight* county, about two or three days after he went away, and told him he belonged to Mr. *Adam Fleming* of *Norfolk*, and had been ſent expreſs to *Cabin Point* and loſt his horſe, upon which Mr. *Mackie* gave him an open line to paſs to Mr. *Fleming*. Afterwards heard of him getting on board a craft going down the river at *Sleepy Hole*. I have ſome ſuſpicion he will endeavour to get on board ſome veſſel and go out of the colony as a free man. All maſters of veſſels are cautioned againſt carrying him out. Whoever takes up the ſaid ſlave, and conveys him to me, ſhall be well rewarded for his trouble.

Tf WILLIAM HEATH.

To be SOLD, *at private ſale,*

SIX thouſand five hundred acres of Land, in *Charles City* county, pleaſantly ſituated on *James* river; four acres of land, with a water griſt mill, on *Moyſer*'s creek, in the ſame county; and 2000 acres of land in *Halifax* county. They will be ſold altogether or in lots, as may beſt ſuit the purchaſers. Theſe lands were the eſtate of Mr. *William Kennon*, and are conveyed to us (with others his truſtees) for the benefit of his creditors. As the ſale of theſe lands has been before advertiſed, but not effected, it may not be improper to aſſure the publick that an abſolute diſpoſal of them is now intended, and that we ſhall at all times be ready to receive propoſals for the whole or any part thereof. Mr. *John Chriſtian*, who lives thereon, will ſhow the lands in *Charles City*.

Tf RICHARD RANDOLPH.
JAMES BELSCHES.
JERMAN BAKER.

To be SOLD, *on* Monday *the* 31*ſt inſtant, before Mr.* Hay's *door in* Williamſburg,

ABOUT fifty choice SLAVES, men, women, boys, and girls; belonging to *Armiſtead Lightfoot*, and taken in execution to ſatisfy ſeveral judgments of *York* court. The ſale to begin at 3 o'clock.

6 WILLIAM MITCHELL, S. S.

I HOPE all thoſe indebted to me, and particularly ſuch as I have been obliged to pay money for, will take notice of the above advertiſement. A. LIGHTFOOT.

To be RENTED *for one Year, or* LEASED *for a Term of Years,*

THE noted ORDINARY formerly kept by *James Mills*, dec. in *King William* county, which is as publickly ſituated as any ordinary whatever, where all travellers to *Williamſburg*, that paſs through the ſaid county, go by the door. It is to be entered upon next New Year's day, and the terms may be known by applying to me in ſaid county.

Tf ROGER GREGORY.

To be SOLD *on reaſonable terms, for caſh or good bills of exchange,*

A SEA SCHOONER, of about eighty tuns burthen, two years old, and now fit to take a cargo in.

Alſo a SLOOP, of fifty tuns burthen, now on the ſtocks, and may be launched in three weeks.

Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe may know the terms by applying to the ſubſcriber in *Kingſton* pariſh, *Glouceſter* county. Tf ROBERT BILLUPS.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber in *Goochland*, laſt *July*, a tall ſlim black *Virginia* born fellow named DICK, about 35 years old, has a ſurly look, and remarkable red eyes; had the uſual clothing of labouring Negroes, and is ſuppoſed to be harboured in MIDDLESEX county, where he formerly lived. He is very ſenſible, and will endeavour to impoſe upon the publick, and paſs for a freeman; and as I have been lately informed that he intends to leave the colony, I muſt therefore entreat all commanders of veſſels, and others, that if ſuch a perſon ſhould offer his ſervice they will have him ſecured and delivered to the ſubſcriber, who will give FIVE POUNDS reward. Tf LEONARD PRICE.

To be SOLD,

A DOUBLE decked veſſel, now on the ſtocks, which can be finiſhed in a ſhort time. She is about 110 tuns, built by a prime hand from *Boſton*, will carry a great burthen, and is eſteemed a very fine veſſel. For terms apply to

Tf BENJAMIN HARRISON.

To be SOLD *on very reaſonable terms, altogether or in parcels, and may be entered on next fall,*

THREE thouſand ſix hundred and four acres of well timbered and watered LAND, lying on both ſides *Meherrin* river, in the counties of *Lunenburg* and *Mecklenburg*, about 75 miles from *Peterſburg*, great part of which is very fine tobacco land, and on the reſt there is an excellent range for ſtock. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe may be ſhown the ſame by applying to *William Naiſh*, on the premiſes. For terms inquire of Col. *Archibald Cary* in *Cheſterfield* county, Mr. *Bathurſt Skelton* in *Charles City*, Mr *Thomas Fleming*, Mr. *William Fleming*, or the ſubſcriber, in *Cumberland* county.

Tf SUSANNA FLEMING.

SCHEME of a LOTTERY,

FOR diſpoſing of 146 LOTS of LAND, in the town of *Hanover*, yet remaining unſold. The leaſt valuable of the lots, according to the prices of thoſe moſt remote from the river, which have been ſold, not being leſs than 20l. which is far below what was given for ſeveral near the river.

	Lots.	*Val.*	*Rents.*
Inſpection at *Page*'s, five lots, at 12 years purchaſe,		L.240	L.70
Do. at *Crutchfield*'s, ſix lots, at do.		720	60
		L.1560	130
Lots unimproved, each half an acre, at 20l.	135	2700	
		L.4260	130
137 Prizes,	137		
263 Blanks.			
400 tickets, at 10l. each,			L.4000

The ſaid lottery will be drawn at Mr. ANTHONY HAY'S, in *Williamſburg*, as ſoon as the tickets are all ſold, of which notice will be given in the VIRGINIA GAZETTE

Thoſe who do not pay for their tickets on the day of drawing may give bond, to carry intereſt from that time

Robert Carter Nicholas, George Wythe, Thomas Everard, John Thompſon, and *Jerman Baker*, Eſquires, managers, of any three, of whom tickets may be had, and of the ſubſcriber.

Tf MANN PAGE.

A SCHEME,

For diſpoſing of, by way of LOTTERY, *the* LAND *and* TENEMENTS *under mentioned, being the entire towns of* Rocky Ridge *and* Shockoe, *lying at the Falls of* James *river, and the land thereunto adjoining.*

THE advantageous ſituation of this eſtate is too well known to require a particular deſcription, though it may be neceſſary to inform the publick that the obſtructions through the Falls, and in other parts of the river above, will ſhortly be removed, and the river made navigable to the ſaid towns: The navigation will thereby be extended, and made both ſafe and eaſy for upwards of two hundred miles above the ſaid Falls, and a communication opened to the weſtern frontier of the middle colonies, whereby there will not be more than ſixty or ſeventy miles portage from *James* river to the *Ohio*; ſo that the immenſe treaſure of that valuable country muſt neceſſarily be brought to market to one or other of the aboveſaid towns, which will occaſionally raiſe the rents, and enhance the value, of the lands and tenements under mentioned, beyond the powers of conception.

	Lots.	*Value.*	*Rents.*
A double forge, a mill, with two acres and a half of land adjoining, the uſe of the landing, the canal, with ten feet on each ſide, and 2000 acres of back land, the furtheſt part of which is not more than five miles from the forge,		L. 8000	
Inſpection at *Rocky Ridge*, at 12 years purchaſe,		780	L. 65
James Lyle, his tenement, at do.		540	45
Archibald Buchanan, at do.		540	45
Alexander Stewart, at do.		510	42 10
Elizabeth Todd, at do.		480	40
Robert Gordon, at do.		90	7 10
Joſeph Hopkins, at do.		60	5
John Shackelton, at do.		36	3
James Gunn, formerly rented to *Thomas Yuille*,		540	45
Ferry on the ſouth ſide, at 20 years purchaſe, with half an acre of land on the bank,		2000	100
A fiſhery on the ſouth ſide, at 20 years do.		600	30
Number of improved lots,	12	L. 14,176	L. 428
Lots unimproved, each half an acre, to be laid off in a town convenient to the river, with publick landings, at 25l. each,	300	7500	
The amount of lots on the ſouth ſide of *James* river, in *Cheſterfield* county,	312	L. 21,676	L. 428
Shockoe inſpection, at 12 years purchaſe,		L. 780	L. 65
Byrd's do. at do.		780	65
Watſon's, at do.		720	60
James Buchanan, at do.		720	60
Patrick Coutts, at do.		420	35
George Ellis, at do.		120	10
James M'Dowell, at do.		480	40
David Roſs, at do.		480	40
Thomas Youngbuſband, at do.		540	45
James Rozer, at do.		60	5
James Howling, at do.		60	5
John M'Keipd, at do.		144	12
M'Pherſon & Menzies, at do.		420	35
James Daley, at do.		36	3
Lewis Warwick, at do.		60	5
Ferry, at 20 years do.		2000	100
Fiſhery, at 20 years do.		2000	100
Number of improved lots,	17	L. 9820	L. 685
10,000 acres of land, to be laid off in lots of 100 acres each, valued at 30 s. per acre,	100	15,000	
10 iſlands, on ſome of which are very valuable fiſheries,	10	300	
Lots unimproved, valued at 25l. each,	400	10.000	
The amount of lots on the north ſide of *James* river,	547	L. 35 120	L. 685
The amount of lots on the ſouth ſide of do. as above,	312	21,676	428
839 Prizes.	839	L. 56,796	L. 1113
9161 Blanks.			
10,000 Tickets, at 5l. each,			L. 50,000

The ſaid lottery will certainly be drawn at *Williamſburg* in NOVEMBER next, under the management and direction of the Hon. PRESLY THORNTON, Eſq; PEYTON RANDOLPH, JOHN PAGE, CHARLES CARTER, and CHARLES TURNBULL, Eſquires, truſtees for the ſame, who will execute conveyances for the prizes drawn by the fortunate adventurers in this lottery. Tickets to be had of the truſtees, alſo of Col. ARCHIBALD CARY, JOHN WAYLES, and the ſubſcriber.

W. BYRD.

ALL Perſons may be ſupplied with this PAPER at 12*ſ.* 6*d.* a Year, and have ADVERTISEMENTS (of a moderate Length) inſerted in it for 3*ſ.* the firſt Week, and 2*ſ.* each Week after. —— *.* All Sorts of PRINTING WORK done at this Office in the neateſt Manner, with Care and Expedition.